issued from time to time regarding subscriber verification, the service providers are required to obtain photograph and authenticated copies of requisite identity and address proof from all the customers (both pre-paid and post-paid) before enrollment. The above condition of Licence Agreement and instructions issued in this regard from time to time are based on national security considerations.

(c) There are no instructions regarding sampling for security verification.

(d) The views of the government on subscriber verificaiton (for both pre-paid and post-paid) are reflected in the licence conditions and the instructions issued in this regard from time to time.

Jamming of websites in Mumbai

2116. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered jamming of several internet websites following the serial bomb blasts on 11th July, 2006 in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the sites sought to be jammed indicating the reasons therefor in respect of each site;

(c) whether the jamming orders based on finding of any investigations revealing use of websites by anti-national and terrorist organizations for subversive/terrorist activities in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the effectiveness of jamming as the sites remain accessible from outside India;

(f) whether any organization has lodged protest against the order for jamming their website; and

(g) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) to (d) Prior to 11th July 2006, the designated agencies maintaining law and order in the country had requested for blocking/stopping transmission of 17 specific websites from being accessed

in the country. These sites posted materials which in the opinion of Government could have created law and order problem in the country. The list of these websites is as under:

(i) www. hinduunity. org
(ii) http:// mypetjawa. mu. nu
(iii) http:// pajamaeditors. blogspot. com
(iv) http:// exposingtheleft. blogspot. com
(v) http://thepiratescove. us
(vi) http://commonfolkcommonsense. blogspot. com
(vii) http:// bamapachyderm. com
(viii) http://princesskimberley. blogspot. com
(ix) http://merrimusings. typepad. com
(x) http://mackers-world. com
(xi) www. dalitstan. org
(xii) www. hindushumanrights. org/hindufocus. html
(xiii) http://www. nndh. com
(xiv) http://bloodrovaltriped. com
(xv) http://imagessearchyahoo. com
(xvi) http://www. imamali8. com
(xvii) http://www. rahulyadav. com

Accordingly, Department of Telecom (DoT) had issued an Order dated 13th July, 2006 directing Internet service providers (ISPs) to block these 17 specific websites from being accessed within the country in terms of Gazette Notification dated 7th July, 2003.

(e) Jamming in the country is considered effective as it helps in preventing spread of communal disharmony and minimizes the likely threat to law and order within the country.

(f) and (g) Serveral newspapers reported about the users not getting access to www. blogspot. com, a clarification was issued to ISPs directing them to block only the website/ pages of the website mentioned in Department of Telecom's orders so that the users have unhindered access to their other parts.